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## STATEMENT OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-4 (canceled)

Claim 5. (previously entered) Footwear as recited in claim 14, wherein the convex arch portion and concave right and left support legs are solid.

Claim 6. (previously entered) Footwear as recited in claim 5, wherein the concave right and left support legs have a width less than the width of the convex arch.

Claim 7. (previously entered) Footwear as recited in claim 14, wherein the lip is cemented to the toe cap.

Claim 8. (canceled)

Claim 9. (previously entered) Footwear as recited in claim 14, wherein the one piece molded metatarsal guard is solid.

Claim 10. (previously entered) Footwear as recited in claim 14, wherein the convex arch portion is solid.

Claim 11. (previously entered) Footwear as recited in claim 10, wherein the right and left support legs have a width less than the width of the convex arch portion.

Claim 12. (previously entered) Footwear as recited in claim 12, wherein the lip is solid.

Claim 13. (canceled)